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COMMUNION SUNDAY

May 6, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

***INTROIT** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
(#236, verse 1)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** From *1 John 4*

One: By this we know that we abide in Christ, and Christ abides in us:

All: Jesus Christ sent us his own Spirit.

One: We love, because God first loved us.

All: We know and believe the love God has for us.

One: We have this commandment from Jesus,

All: That if we love God, we should love our brothers and sisters also.

***HYMN** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* #494

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us come before God, acknowledging our failure.

All: Lord Jesus, You call us to love you with our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves. You ask us to love each other even as you have loved us. We confess that we have not lived up to that calling; we have fallen short of your glory. By your grace, remind us of the love you have for us; assure us of the forgiveness we have through you, and renew in us your Holy Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's grace and love for us is more than we can begin to imagine. Jesus laid down his life so that we might live by that grace now and forever. God is both faithful and just and forgives us all our sin. Let us rejoice!

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 98

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

All: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

One: The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

One: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;**
One: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
All: **Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.**
One: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
All: **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.**
One: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
All: **He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

RESPONSIVE *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(#591, refrain only)

*Prayer cards may be given to the children
or an usher to be brought forward.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN Christy Willmore

SCRIPTURE READINGS Serena Lamers
From the New Testament Letters *1 John 5:1-6*
Gospel Reading *John 15:9-17*

***HYMN** *Loving Spirit* #293

SERMON *Even more deeply than Love*
Rev. Charlotte Frantz

ANTHEM *Invitation to the Table* Mary Kay Beall
Sung by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Georgia Raun

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR MISSION
OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures, here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(#606)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us pray together.

All: **Let our gifts and offerings be used in ways that show forth your love, O God. May we give and receive in such a way that others will see your glory shining through us. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks, gracious and loving God. . .

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (Please remain seated).

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the
rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the
rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

(#525, verses 1 and 2)

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all to participate in this sacrament, regardless of age or church affiliation. Please come forward, using the center aisle, for a piece of bread and then a cup. We use gluten free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. You may eat and drink as you are served and then return to your seat by the side aisles. A server will bring the elements to those who wish to remain seated.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks together.

All: **We give you thanks, O God, for this gift of bread and cup and your promise that someday we will gather with all the saints in your heavenly realm. Send us now into the world, strengthened to do your will, that we may be courageous in the face of evil, hopeful in the midst of despair, compassionate as we care for others, determined in our work for justice. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*CLOSING HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #306

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alex Sandor

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING THIS WEEK

Finance Committee Sunday, May 6 11:00 a.m.

Annual Spring Gathering

PW Northern Waters Thursday, May 10
Lakeside Presbyterian Church 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

It is the practice of this congregation to have an Open Table. All who wish to closely walk with Jesus are cordially invited to share in the table which he has prepared.

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

Senior Connections will be beginning a new series of workshops entitled **Care Talks** that will be focused on helping people to better communicate with care givers or personal physicians. To register to attend contact LuAnn at 715-394-3611 or for more information go to www.seniorconectionswi.org.

PASTOR OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Frantz will be out of the office on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 5/6

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Finance Committee
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout 221

MONDAY 5/7

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class
5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir

TUESDAY 5/8

3:15 – 5:15 p.m. Piano Lessons

WEDNESDAY 5/9

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class
3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Piano Lessons

THURSDAY 5/10


9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PW Northern Waters Meeting –
Duluth
10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Senior Connections – Care Talks
1:45 – 8:45 p.m. Piano Lessons
Pastor will be out of the office.

FRIDAY 5/11

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

SATURDAY 5/12

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan at 715-392-1072
or
Dean at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

Ethel Bartholomew &

Ed Anderson